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AREA "LEGAL MINIMUMS" FOR PROCESSING VEGETABLES REDETERMINED

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced March 7 its redetermination of locational adjustments, by producing areas, of the "legal minimum" prices for vegetables for processing for ceiling price purposes as of February 15, 1952, as published in "Agricultural Prices" issued on February 29, 1952. Although the actual prices paid will be determined as heretofore on the basis of supply-demand relationships, the adjusted "legal minimum" prices by areas are being announced at this time to aid growers and processors in negotiating contracts for the 1952 production of these crops. This redetermination is necessary to take into account revisions in basic prices that affected both the 1950 prices received by growers and the area differentials from the U. S. average prices; and also because of changes in the U. S. average legal minimum prices.

For green lima beans, snap beans, beets, cabbage, sweet corn, green peas, pimientoes, spinach, and tomatoes, the area "minimums" are based on parity prices, and hence the "legal minimums" together with the increase in adjusted legal minimum price over the 1950 season average are subject to change with changes in parity prices. For cucumbers, the area "minimums" are based on 1950 season average prices, and for asparagus on 90 percent of the May 19, 1951, prices as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Legal minimum prices for the latter two commodities will be subject to change only if the respective parity prices exceed the "legal minimum" as now computed under the alternative provisions of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended.

The following tables show, by production areas, the 1950 average prices received by growers, as reported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the adjusted "legal minimum" prices as of February 15, 1952, and the increase in adjusted legal minimum prices over the 1950 season average. This provides both the grower and processor with a basis to negotiate adjustments to be made in the 1952 contract prices as compared with those paid in 1950. In arriving at the maximum adjustment, the individual processor may either: (1) Add the dollars-and-cents increase in adjusted legal minimum price over the 1950 season average to his average price paid for the raw commodity for each of his 1950 price classifications; or (2) Compute the area's "legal minimum" price as a percentage of the area's 1950 average price, and apply this percentage to his average price paid for the raw commodity for each of his 1950 price classifications.

These area minimum prices and the increase over 1950 season average prices are subject to change with changes in U. S. average legal minimum prices as published monthly in "Agricultural Prices." Responsibility rests with individual processors for applying the proper adjustment to fit his specific circumstances.

The following tables include CORRECTIONS made by PMA following issuance of the original announcement.

State or Area	1950 Season Average Price To Growers	Feb. 15, 1952, Legal Minimum Price Adjusted For Location	Increase In Adjusted Legal Minimum Price Over 1950 Season Average As of February 15, 1952
SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING		(Price — Dollars per Ton)	
New England States	78.00	111.00	33.00
New York	119.00	139.00	20.00
N. J., Pa., Western Md. 1/	101.00	124.00	23.00
East. Shore of Md. 2/, Dela., Va. (except Southwestern), Eastern North Carolina 3/	90.00	111.00	21.00
Florida	100.00	121.00	21.00
S.C., Ga. (other than North), Ala., Miss., Louisiana	82.70	112.00	29.30
Ark., Okla., Missouri, Tenn. (other than Eastern)	88.00	119.00	31.00
Eastern Tenn. 4/, N.C. (other than Eastern), Southwest Va. 5/ North Georgia 6/	101.00	137.00	36.00
Texas	80.00	95.00	15.00
Wis., Mich., Ohio, Ind., Ill., Iowa, Minn.	112.00	130.00	18.00
Colo., Utah, N. Mex., Idaho	89.00	113.00	24.00
Washington, Oregon	109.00	138.00	29.00
California	102.00	124.00	22.00
All Other States	95.00	115.00	20.00
Weighted Average, U. S.	104.00	128.00	24.00

1/ Counties west of Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River.
2/ Counties east of Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River.
3/ Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery and Richmond Counties and all counties east thereof in North Carolina.
4/ Marion, Grundy, Warren, De Kalb, Putman, Overton and Clay Counties and all counties east thereof in Tennessee.
5/ Craig, Roanoke, Franklin, and Henry Counties and all counties west thereof in Virginia.
6/ Fannin, Union, Towns. Rabun, Lumpkin, White, and Habersham Counties.

State or Area	1950 Season Average Price To Growers	Feb. 15, 1952, Legal Minimum Price Adjusted For Location	Increase in Adjusted Legal Min. Price Over 1590 Season Average as of Feb. 15, 1952
BEETS FOR PROCESSING		(Price — Dollars per Ton)	
New York, New Jersey, Pa.	20.80	28.00	7.20
Colo., Mich., Wis., Minn., Iowa, Ill., Ind., Ohio	20.20	21.90	1.70
Ore., Wash., Idaho, Utah	21.90	26.50	4.60
All Other States	20.30	23.10	2.80
Weighted Average U. S.	20.70	24.40	3.70
TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING			
New England States, N. Y., Northern Pennsylvania 1/	24.90	33.40	8.50
Pa. (other than Northern), Western Maryland 2/	29.30	36.00	6.70
N. J., Del., Eastern Shore of Md. 3/, and Accomac and North Hampton Counties, Va.	32.30	39.60	7.30
Va., other than Accomac and North Hampton Counties	31.00	36.30	5.30
North Carolina, S. C., Ga., Ala., Fla., Miss., La.	26.00	32.40	6.40
Kentucky, Tenn., Ark., Missouri, Okla.	27.50	32.00	4.50
Ohio, Ind., Mich., Wisc., Illinois, Iowa	23.10	30.40	7.30
Texas	16.00	30.70	14.70
Colo., Utah, N. Mex., Ariz., Kans., Nebraska	20.50	29.00	8.50
California	23.50	31.80	8.30
All Other States	26.00	32.00	6.00
Weighted Average, U. S.	25.30	32.80	7.50

1/ Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Forrest, Warren, McKean, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Wayne, and Susquehanna Counties.
2/ All Counties in Maryland West of Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River.
3/ All Counties in Maryland East of Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River.

State or Area	1950 Season Average Price To Growers	Feb. 15, 1952, Legal Minimum Price Adjusted For Location	Increase in Adjusted Legal Minimum Price Over 1950 Season Average as of February 15, 1952
CABBAGE FOR KRAUT		(Price — Dollars per Ton)	
N. Y., Mich., Ohio, Indiana, Conn.	8.40	16.90	8.50
Ill., Wis., Minn., Iowa	9.90	15.20	5.30
Colorado, Utah	11.60	15.70	4.10
Washington, Oregon	15.50	19.80	4.30
All Other States	12.70	19.20	6.50
Weighted Average, U. S.	9.60	16.80	7.20
SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING			
Maine, New Hampshire	19.30	30.20	10.90
Vermont	19.00	26.60	7.60
New York	20.30	25.00	4.70
Pa. (other than Southeastern)	21.80	29.00	7.20
Southwestern Pennsylvania 1/ Western Md. 2/	18.00	25.20	7.20
East. Shore of Md. 3/, Del., Va.	16.70	22.70	6.00
Indiana, Ill., Iowa	17.50	23.70	6.20
Mich., Wis., Minn., Ohio	16.50	22.50	6.00
Nebraska	14.00	20.40	6.40
Washington, Idaho, Utah	18.70	25.00	6.30
Oregon	30.00	36.40	6.40
All Other States	22.00	24.70	2.70
Weighted Average, U. S.	18.00	24.00	6.00

1/ Counties of Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, York, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Berks, Chester, and Delaware.

2/ Cecil County and all counties in Maryland West of Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River.

3/ All counties East of Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River, except Cecil County.

State or Area	1950 Season Average Price To Growers	Feb. 15, 1952 Legal Minimum Price Adjusted For Location	Increase in Adjusted Legal Minimum Price Over 1950 Season Average As of February 15, 1952
GREEN LIMA BEANS FOR PROCESSING	(Price — Dollars per Ton (Shelled Basis))		
New York, New Jersey	144.00	172.00	28.00
Pennsylvania	125.00	154.00	29.00
Dela., Maryland, Virginia	133.00	153.00	20.00
Ark., Missouri, Okla., Tenn.	134.00	153.00	19.00
Wisconsin, Minn., Ill.	128.00	150.00	22.00
Michigan, Indiana	126.00	142.00	16.00
Ohio, Iowa	100.00	116.00	16.00
Washington, Oregon, Idaho	150.00	178.00	28.00
California	142.00	163.00	21.00
All Other States	126.00	156.00	30.00
Weighted Average, U. S.	136.00	158.00	22.00
SPINACH FOR PROCESSING	(Price — Dollars per Ton)		
Texas	55.00	55.80	0.80
California	22.50	36.70	14.20
Virginia, Maryland	88.20	94.40	6.20
Arkansas, Oklahoma	75.90	77.30	1.40
New Jersey	100.00	100.80	0.80
Other States	49.10	59.30	10.20
Weighted Average, U. S.	49.10	59.30	10.20

State or Area	1950 Season Average Price To Growers	Feb. 15, 1952, Legal Minimum Price Adjusted For Location	Increase in Adjusted Legal Minimum Price Over 1950 Season Average As of February 15, 1952
GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING	(Price — Dollars per Ton (Shelled Basis))		
New England States, N.Y., N. J., Pa. (other than Southeastern)	88.20	104.00	15.80
Southeastern Pa. 1/, Western Md. 2/, West Virginia	84.70	104.00	19.30
Del., Eastern Shore of Md. 3/, Virginia	76.00	97.70	21.70
Ohio, Indiana, Michigan	78.70	94.00	15.30
Wisconsin	81.90	100.00	18.10
Iowa	89.60	103.00	13.40
Minnesota	87.60	109.00	21.40
Illinois	90.00	110.00	20.00
Colorado	69.50	89.40	19.90
California	75.90	91.80	15.90
Utah, Southeastern Idaho 4/	72.40	97.40	25.00
Idaho (other than Southeastern), East. Wash. 5/, East. Ore. 6/	75.80	99.00	23.20
Western Wash. 7/, West. Ore. 7/	88.20	111.00	22.80
All Other States	75.20	97.60	22.40
Weighted Average, U. S.	82.10	102.00	19.90
ASPARAGUS, CUCUMBERS AND PIMIENTOS FOR PROCESSING	(All Areas — Price — Dollars per Unit)		
Asparagus per ton	211.00	219.00	8.00
Cucumbers per bushel	1.62	1.62	0
Pimientos per ton	70.00	74.90	4.90

1/ Pa. Counties of Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, York, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Berks, Chester and Delaware.
2/ Counties in Md. West of Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River.
3/ Counties in Md. East of Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River.
4/ Lemhi, Butte, Blaine, Cassia Counties and all Counties East thereof in Idaho.
5/ All Counties in Wash. East of but not including Okanogan, Chelan, Kittitas, Yakima and Klickitat Counties.
6/ Wasco, Jefferson, Deschutes, and Lake Counties and all Counties East thereof in Oregon.
7/ All other Counties in Wash. and Oregon except those under (5) and (6).